

HOUSE ACTION SHIFTS POLITICAL SITUATION

Overthrow of Speaker Spangler by Governor Sproul's Forces Has Far-Reaching Effect in Philadelphia and Elsewhere

By GEORGE NOX MCMAIN Harrisburg, April 27.—The Philadelphia... shows the most interesting question in connection with the upheaval in the House of Representatives is that of the effect it will have upon the city's immediate political future.

There was a distinct line of cleavage. The Vane-Brown-Cunningham combination... and Senator Crow, Harry Trainer, friend of Mayor Moore, shepherded the Penrose followers, and led them from the chamber after Speaker Spangler.

From this time on the logic of the situation would demand that what rear passage the state administration may give at its disposal for Philadelphia go to the V-R-C combination.

There is some disposition to criticize Mayor Moore for following the lead of the influence in the political balance. He did not have the opportunity.

I pointed out last week in my Harrisburg dispatch that the Philadelphia delegation had voted solidly on a test vote against the Vane combination.

Mayor Not Consulted At the same time I outlined their plans to organize under the leadership of Harry Trainer and out those permanent from the control of Clerk of Courts Cunningham.

This is just what was done. The decision was arrived at, I understand, without consultation with Mayor Moore. The lines are now more closely drawn between the rival factions in Philadelphia than ever before.

Senator Vane once more resumes the undisturbed leadership of the opposition to the Mayor. He is the presiding officer and directing genius of the triumvirate with Clerk of Courts Cunningham and Municipal Judge Charles L. Brown as the other members.

The whittling of events has made them the representatives and supporters of the Republican state committee, as well as controllers of the Philadelphia city committee.

Mayor Moore will occupy a strategic position from now on only so far as he exerts himself to strengthen the hands of Mr. Trainer.

After all, the solution of the whole vexed problem lies in the hands of Senator Penrose. His support was claimed by all the factions either directly or as "keeping hands off" for him.

Penrose Against Turnoff The situation, crudely put, resembled a dog fight with the Penrose name as the bone.

2. HELD AS ROBBERS, FREED Court Decides Hold-Up Was Drunken Quarrel

Speedy justice seemed to benefit William Cummings, 3529 Sprague street, and John Stern, of Steets formerly of Carney's Point, N. J., who were acquitted today before Judge Shull, in Quarter Sessions Court, on robbery charges, the prosecutor, John Hoskins, 5811 Summer street, admitting the alleged hold-up was a fight or drunken quarrel.

It was first charged Hoskins was held up and robbed of his watch and chain, early Sunday morning, at Hutchinson and Callowhill streets. They were arraigned later that morning before Magistrate Meclary, and half an hour later were indicted.

NEGROES ATTACK JAIL One Killed and Guard Wounded in Attempt to Rescue Prisoner

Birmingham, Ala., April 27.—(By AP.)—Five Negroes stormed the Jail at Fairfield last night in an attempt to release a Negro prisoner. One of the attackers was killed by officers guarding the prison, one of whom received a bullet wound in the leg.

Launch House Fight Against Aron Bill

Continued from Page One to set back the work of municipal street cleaning for many years. Senator Vane has been disclosed as the real power behind the Aron bill, the Director of Public Works, Caven said today. The director continued:

In the confusion at Harrisburg the Aron bill was introduced in the Legislature toward the last of the session, and which means the death of municipal street cleaning, was slipping out of committee and passed first reading in the House last night.

"Good Bill," Says Vars "With the reappearance of the bill the power behind it, its real substance and its real beneficiary also came to the surface—Senator Vane. He freely admitted his interest by declaring that it is a good bill, and otherwise praising it."

"Ten minutes' serious analysis of this bill will demonstrate conclusively to the most skeptical its real meaning. It means an end to present administration's efforts to give the people what they decided they wanted, municipally cleaned streets and, in short, and probably what is the most important of all, a return to the contractor system, greater financial burdens upon the taxpayers, dirty streets, increased disease and death.

No Use Mining Words "There is no use mining words and trying to belabor what this bill means. That which we had cleaned streets at a less cost in the central section of the city under municipal operations and management, I think is generally admitted to be the best method from a health standpoint—an effect that would be general when the city would take over all the streets—is attested in the public prints as being no less a medical authority than Dr. Howard S. Anders, who, referring especially to the section of the city where the city this year has been doing the work, said:

"The last winter was an open one in which dust, carrying the usual communicable diseases, was free to be scattered and engender sickness in the most populous part, the central district of the city. The fact, however, that the mortality rate was extremely low and mild—a comparatively beautiful season, in fact—was more than a mere coincidence with the cleaner streets effected by the municipal administration, inspection and methods."

James W. Follin, engineer in the Bureau of Municipal Research, said today the bureau strongly supported the views expressed in the telegram of the charter revision committee. He said the bureau has had a representative, E. T. Paxton, at Harrisburg for several days looking after the Mayor's street cleaning commission last year and is thoroughly familiar with street cleaning conditions.

City officials, the Municipal Research Bureau and the Philadelphia charter committee probably will concentrate in demanding a public hearing on the bill in order to lay before the legislators the sweeping condemnation expressed against it.

U. S. Will Refuse Plea by Germany Continued from Page One life. Already the coal of the Sarre is in the possession of France. The coal of Silesia will be awarded to Poland. The coal of the Ruhr is all Germany has left and that on the first of May will be taken over by France.

ing the French attitude toward Germany's terms.

Officials here were reticent today regarding the German proposals, but in political circles close to the premier there was a belief that the district of Germany would be occupied immediately after May 1.

Germany's proposals are entirely insufficient, it is declared in authoritative circles here, being at least 100,000,000 marks below the terms fixed by the Supreme Allied Council in this city last January. The demands decided upon at that time have been considered as a minimum, amounting to approximately 226,000,000 marks.

In discussing the German terms, it is said in well-informed circles that in offering an installment of one billion gold marks Germany made no mention of the 12,000,000,000 marks held by the Allies to be payable before May 1. Germany also asks the abandonment of the penalties decided upon in London early in March, as well as those stipulated by the treaty of Versailles.

Assertion is made that should Germany be exonerated of all other reparations obligations she would be given an advantage greater than would accrue to the Allies from her future payments.

Newspapers of this city were unanimous today in demanding further proposals and guarantees from Germany, or the occupation of the Ruhr district of that country. The caption used by L'Humanite, organ of the Radical party, and most persistent critic of the Briand government, at the head of its comment on Germany's new proposition declared:

"First of all seize the security, and talk afterward," and this appeared to sum up the trend of editorial opinion in this city.

"In the presence of the failure of all appeals looking to conciliation," said L'Humanite, and former refusal by recalcitrant Germany to listen to the requirements of the reparations commission, how can one fail to be convinced that Germany is resolved to pay us only argument she respects."

Reserving judgment as to the acceptability of the proposals until they are more fully examined, the Chronicle said: "Obviously, the imminent fear of the occupation of the Ruhr region produced a degree of repentance in Berlin which no amount of appeals to reason and justice ever produced. If Germany can make these offers now, she could just as easily have made them months ago, which proves that force is the only argument she respects."

RUHR OCCUPATION FORECAST IN PARIS Paris, April 27.—(By A. P.)—Germany's proposals relative to reparations are still being considered by Premier Briand, and it is probable a decision will not be reached before tonight regarding their acceptance or rejection.

When such decision is reached it will be communicated first to the United States Government, and until such time Ambassador Jusserand will give no instructions whatever regarding the French attitude toward Germany's terms.

London, April 27.—(By A. P.)—The British Government today requested its representatives in Berlin to inquire informally regarding the new German reparations offer for the purpose of clearing up the ambiguity concerning the terms of years in which the payments would be made under the offer.

Consideration should be given the German reparations proposals by the Allies, said the Daily News today in discussing the terms of the Berlin Government as published here.

The newspaper expressed the opinion that the German note was not clear but added: "On the face of this they are not terms which the American Government is likely to dismiss as unworthy of discussion."



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SPANGLER AND VARE DINNER COMPANIONS

Harrisburg, April 27.—Embittered passions by factional strife, House members, some more are mingling together today in good fellowship. The stirring incidents which marked the ousting of Speaker Spangler almost raised the men aligned with opposite factions to come to blows yesterday, but today they are shaking hands and laughing.

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